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REQUEST FOR WAIVER

CC Docket No. 02-6

January 31, 2006

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Appellant Name: Lesa Ward, Superintendent of Schools
Applicant Name: Blackwell Public Schools
BEN: 140275
Application Number: 467924
Funding Year: Form 471 Form Identifier - BPS-YR8-P2
Request for Waiver: Certification outside of filing window

Dear FCC:

Blackwell Public Schools is requesting a waiver for the denied appeal to the Universal Service Administrative Company dated January 25, 2006.

The 470 application for Blackwell Public Schools District 45 was approved and posted January 12, 2005. The 471 application was completed in a timely fashion, as was the certification page. The signature portion of the certification page was not mailed due to an internal personnel conflict within the school district. C.M. Hullet, former technology coordinator for Blackwell Public Schools, was responsible for completion of the application process. Mr. Hullet suffered serious health and personal problems beginning in February 2005 which led to his resignation. Due to his absence from work, the signature page of the 471 application was not forwarded to the USAC.

During his absence, when reviewing the application on-line, the form status was marked complete. Because of the disruption of his responsibilities, unknowingly, the signature page was overlooked due to the misunderstanding of the "complete" status recorded on the application display. It was inadvertently understood that "complete" meant the process was completed in full. The Universal Service Administration Company was contacted immediately upon discovery of the certification error.

Lack of funding from the Universal Service Administrative Company for the services of basic maintenance of internal connections will cause a great financial burden on our school district. The initial application was approved; the certification process was merely overlooked due to the technology coordinator's unexpected critical health issues.

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Your serious consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesa Ward".

Lesa Ward
Superintendent of Schools

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